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SUBJECT: NIH RESEARCH PROJECT ENTITLED "THE POLYMORPHISM AND BIOLOGY OF LEISHMANIA BRAZILIENSIS INFECTION"

REF: STATE 78848

[1](#)1. On May 23, 2006, Embassy delivered to Secretary Everton F. Lucero, Chief of the Division of Science and Technology, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DCTEC/MFA), for review and approval, the National Institutes of Health's (NIH) proposed award of a research project titled "The Polymorphism and Biology of Leishmania braziliensis Infection," (number 1 R03 AI067663-01 /PA03-108). The site covered in this project is under the direction of Dr. Albert Schrieffer, at the Federal University of Bahia, Salvador (Bahia), Brazil.

[1](#)2. The Embassy sees no adverse foreign policy implications with respect to this research project. We emphasize the importance of complying with Brazilian laws on the export of data and biological material.

[1](#)3. We are providing this assessment of foreign policy implications in advance of receiving approval from the Brazilian Government for the proposed research to go forward, in order to assist NIH in completing the domestic review process. Upon receipt of Brazilian approval, the Embassy will notify NIH by cable.

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